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SUBJECT: 7TH UNGA SPECIAL SESSION: REACTION TO SILVEIRA'S SPEECH

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1. SUMMARY. FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA'S SPEECH TO THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 2 INITIALLY RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE BUT SUBSEQUENT PRESS REACTION HAS DECLINED. EVEN AN EIGHT POINT HAND-OUT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND ITAMARATY'S OTHER EFFORTS STIMULATED FEW ARTICLES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MINISTER BAENA SOARES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD DEPART ON SEPTEMBER 8 TO ATTEND THE REMAINDER OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION WAS ONLY REPORTED IN THE BRASILIA PRESS. THESE ACCOUNTS INDICATED THAT BAENA SOARES WOULD COLLABORATE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES "SENSITIVE" TO THE BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL PUT FORTH BY SILVEIRA LAST WEEK. JORNAL DE BRASILIA ON SEPTEMBER 6 STATED THAT BAENA SOARES WOULD NOT TAKE A DEFINITEVELY COMPLETED PLAN ("PROJETO") WITH HIM. END SUMMARY.

2. SILVEIRA'S OWN INTERPRETATION OF THE REACTION TO HIS SPEECH, AS REPORTED IN ESTADO DO SAO PAULO "UPON ARRIVAL IN BRASILIA" JORNAL DE BRASILIA CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN THE ONLY PAPER WITH A REPORTER PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 3, WAS THAT THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION DELEGATES HAD RECEIVED IT WITH "CURIOSITY AND INTEREST." THEY CONSIDERED THAT BRAZIL HAD PRESENTED AN OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND HAD ADOPTED A SERIOUS POSITION. SILVEIRA INDICATED ON HIS OWN PART THAT BRAZIL HAD FORMULATED THE PROPOSAL TO INDICATE "THE ADEQUATE WAY" FOR THE DEVELOPIING WORLD TO AVOID CONTINUATION OF ITS MARGINAL POSITION AND DEPENDENCE ON "PALLIATIVE AID MEASURES".

3. THE EIGHT POINTS ITMARATY DEVELOPED FROM SILVEIRA'S SPEECH AND RDLEASED TO THE PRESS CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

2- BRAZIL ACCEPTS THESIS THAT VERBAL AND ACRIMONIOUS CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL FORA TEND TO BECOME STERILE AS WELL AS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

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THE PART OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IF THEREIS, ON THE PART OF THE MORE PROSPEROUS, A REAL INCLINATION TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE LEGITIMATE ASIPIATIONS OF THE LESS FAVORED.

-- AS A CONSEQUENCE OF BEING A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, BRAZIL WILL ASSUME A CLAIMANT POSITION. HOWEVER, BRAZIL WISHES TO LIMIT ITS DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO CRITICAL ISSUES, WITHOUT RESORTING

TO CONFRONTATION, AS IT MIGHT, IN ORDER TO
ACHIEVE AN OBJECTIVE.

-- PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE SHOULD BE
SUBJECT TO A KIND OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD WHICH
COULD RESPOND TO THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE WORLD
ECONOMY, BETTER THAN THE MECHANISMS PRESENTLY IN
FORCE, AND WHICH, ABOVE ALL, WOULD CREATE A TRUE
EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AMONG DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.

-- PROLONGED AND DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE
REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.
THIS IMPLIES THE EXCLUSION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF
OBTAINING FINAL AND COMPLETE RESULTS DURING THE
7TH SPECIAL SESSION. BRAZIL CANNOT ACCEPT, HOWEVER, THIS
SERVING AS A PRETEXT TO MOVES AIMED AT DELAYING THE
RESULTS AS HAS FREQUENTLY OCCURRED IN PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL
MEETINGS.

-- BRAZIL DOES NOT ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT INTERNATIONAL
TRADE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN SATISFACTORILY
BE RESOLVED IN GATT NEGOTIATIONS, ALTHOUGH IT HAS
STRONG HOPES THAT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE
TO THE SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS. NEITHER DOES
BRAZIL ACCEPT THAT ONE SHOULD OR EVEN MAY WAIT UNTIL
THE END OF THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS TO START THE ANALYSIS
AND TO SEEK FOR INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS TO THE VARIOUS
QUESTIONS AFFECTING TRADE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

-- BRAZIL HAS PROPOSED THAT THE NEGOTIATION
OF A GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE SOUGHT: THE AGREEMENT
COULD SUPPLY FUTURE SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS WITH A
POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL GUIDELINE, WITHOUT INTERFERING
WITH THE EXISTING FORA (SUCH AS GATT
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OR THE EXISTING BASIC PRODUCTS AGREEMENTS).

-- THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WOULD BE THE RESULT OF
EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS BASED UPON RECIPROCAL --
THOUGH NOT EQUAL -- CONCESSIONS AND IT WOULD INCLUDE
JURIDICAL OBLIGATIONS, THUS CONTRASTING WITH THE MERELY
POLITICAL OR MORAL VALUE OF UNGA OR UNCTAD RESOLUTIONS.

4. IN AN EDITORIAL IN THE JORNAL DE BRASILIA ON
SEPTEMBER 6, THE SILVEIRA PROPOSAL WAS DESCRIBED AS
DRAMATICALLY EXPRESSING THE GUIDELINES OF THE
GEISEL ADMINISTRATION AND CITED ITS ANTECEDENCE IN
THE POSITION PRESENTED BY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
SEVERO GOMES AT THE LIMA MEETING OF UNIDO
IN APRIL. SAME EDITION OF JORNAL DE BRASILIA CARRIED
ANOTHER ARTICLE WHICH STATED THAT THE ECONOMIC AND

THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENTS HAVE
"PRACTICALLY FORMED AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO PREPARE
STUDIES TO DEVELOP THE IDEAS" IN SILVEIRA'S SPEECH.

5. MINISTER BAENA SOARES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE DEPARTED
SEPTEMBER 8 FOR THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. IT IS NOT
KNOWN AT THIS TIME WHETHER GOB INTENDS TO MAKE A
FURTHER INTERVENTION OR SUBMIT A RESOLUTION
REGARDING SILVEIRA'S PROPOSALS. JORNAL DE BRASILIA
STATED ON SEPTEMBER 6 THAT BAENA SOARES WOULD NOT
TAKE A "DEFINITIVELY COMPLETED PLAN." SAME ARTICLE
SAID IT WAS INDISPENSABLE TO HAVE SPONSORS FOR ANY
SUCH PROPOSAL.

6. COMMENT: DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF O ESTADO
DE SAO PAULO TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR HE HAD REPORT
THAT FOREIGN OFFICE DECIDED TO ISSUE EIGHT POINT
CLARIFICATION BECAUSE OF LACK OF RESPONSE BY LDC'S.
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